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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
FROM: Chief, Geographic Research
SUBJECT: GRA Activity Report for the Month of November 1960

A. Major Research and Technical Support Activity

1. The Cartography Division accepted requests for 118 maps and charts and completed 130. Both completions and requests decreased somewhat from last month, leaving a backlog of 365 jobs in progress. Among the major accomplishments of the Division during November was the completion of two significant maps on Africa for the Department of State--the Administrative Divisions map of Africa was revised and brought up to date, and a map, Africa - New Nations and New Leaders, was prepared for the Department.

2. The urban program for the production of USSR city plans advanced to the extent that 3 city plans of the old schedule were printed and published and some progress in the collateral research phase of the new series was accomplished. In addition, the Division completed the printing of 3 [REDACTED] and is now current on requests for this type of assistance from [REDACTED]

3. The Geography Division completed and disseminated one Geographic Intelligence Memorandum (GM 60-4, South Vietnam), and seven Geographic Support Projects. One of the Support Projects (GP 60.111-1, Comments Pertinent to the Appraisal of Policy and the Operations Plan for Antarctica, 1960) was done at the request of the DCI, and two others were requested by DD/P. In addition, overlays of East Germany showing sightings of Shyster (IREM) missiles and LOX manufacturing as well as two overlays of SAM sites in Bulgaria were completed and passed to I/GM.

4. The Map Library Division forwarded 23,353 items to requesters in response to 1,952 requests for maps, related geographic publications, and reference information. Cuba and Africa were the areas of greatest concentration during the month. Maps on all countries of Africa were sent to the Bureau of Cultural Affairs, Department of State, and to two different components of CIA. A large shipment of maps was sent to the Department of State's Vital Materials location. A visit was made to the office of Mr. Foy D. Kohler, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, to survey the map holdings of the office, in order to bring them up to date.

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5. Significant items received by the Map Library Division included: a) a 1960 administrative-territorial handbook of the USSR; b) an Administrative handbook and a 1:200,000 administrative map series of Czechoslovakia, both based on the new administrative divisions effective 1 July 1960; c) a 1960 economic geography of Rumania and accompanying atlas of 25 economic maps; and d) 1960-61 timetables for railroads and buses of Yugoslavia.

6. Support activities of the Special Collection Support Branch, D/GL, included the following: a) a requirement for the collection of Soviet-produced topographic maps of Northern Afghanistan was submitted to St/I for transmittal to DD/P. This requirement supplements a previous requirement on DD/P for collection of maps in Afghanistan. In addition, fourteen other requirements were submitted to St/I, or CD/CO, nine pertaining to Sino-Soviet Bloc collection and five to non-Bloc collection, mostly from U. S. oil companies. b) In response to a GL/S requirement [REDACTED] 3,841 aerial photograph negatives were obtained on a loan basis in November. This photography, covering an area of approximately 14,000 square miles in Somalia, was transmitted to Photo Records and Services Division, ACIC, for reproduction by that organization.

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B. Planning and Development

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[REDACTED] has submitted all 17 sketches of [REDACTED] which have been approved by the Cartography Division and returned to them with revised drafting specifications for completion of the final drawings. Two of the 17 are scheduled for completion in January 1961.

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2. The Cartography Division has initiated a revision of the Wall Map of Africa to bring the present Wall Map up to date and change the design to make it more effective. Smaller versions for substantive desk use will also be prepared. The Division is also preparing a Wall Map on China, which is scheduled for publication in early spring.

3. The NIS Chapter IX schedules and forecasts for FY's 1962-64 still have not been approved by the NIS Committee. The Chapter IX Subcommittee has deferred further action on the implementation of the new Chapter IX format until the forecasts are given final approval. However, the Coordination Staff has initiated work on revision of the Chapter IX Outline Guide for the NIS Standard Instructions, which will be subject to the approval of the Chapter IX Subcommittee and the NIS Committee.

4. Material pertinent to the placing of contracts for external research on Africa has been examined and briefly written up by the Near East/Africa Branch, D/CO; these working notes will serve as a basis for planning further action.

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5. Lack of interest on the part of the Army, Air Force, State and DD/P has caused a reduction in scope of the initial phase of the planned external project on photo interpretation keys of Africa, and a need to establish an area priority within CIA. Further comments from another part of DD/P, to be available early in December, should facilitate the establishment of such a priority.

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6. [REDACTED] GM Task Force, conferred with [REDACTED] on the feasibility of preparing a Geography Division study outlining the precision surveying procedures that would be followed by Soviet authorities in establishing a specific missile site in the Western Ukraine. The purpose of the report would be to increase our understanding of the capabilities of this site and to improve intelligence collection efforts against other suspected or potential sites.

7. Planning is in progress for foreign travel by Geography Division personnel as follows: Area familiarization travel by [REDACTED] to the Far East and Southeast Asia, beginning approximately mid-March; and combined area familiarization and procurement missions for D/GL by [REDACTED] to Latin America, beginning mid-March, and by [REDACTED] to Western Europe, beginning early February. Plans are also being made for two members of GG/F to attend the symposium on the Sciences in Communist China, to be conducted in New York on 26-27 December as part of the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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8. The following reassignment of area responsibilities within the Europe Branch, D/GG, has been made as a consequence of personnel changes to the Europe Branch, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to the Western Hemisphere Branch):

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Bulgaria, Greece, Cyprus
France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland,
Yugoslavia, and Albania
Benelux, Poland, Finland, Norway, Iceland, Greenland,
Svalbard, United Kingdom
Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Sweden, Denmark,
Ireland
Germany [REDACTED] Austria

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9. [REDACTED] has reaffirmed his interest in the project for preparation of an Explorer's Atlas of West China, utilizing original materials [REDACTED]. Discussions concerning his plans included exploration of availability of funds for financing a trip to [REDACTED] to confer with [REDACTED]. Also, in connection with exploitation of [REDACTED]

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materials, [REDACTED] OGR/GR, visited the Crops Research Branch, Department of Agriculture Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, to examine the files of photography held there. Negatives will be borrowed from Beltsville for reproduction of the relatively small but highly selective collection.

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10. Efforts are being made to place [REDACTED] OG/S, on the

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[REDACTED] is also being considered as USSR Branch alternate for the

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11. Two scheduled D/OG projects were cancelled during the month: PN 62.1863, The Rhodesian Copperbelt, was cancelled in favor of a comprehensive GM on the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, already scheduled as PN 62.1898. PN 69.1828, Analysis of Soviet Impact Accuracies was dropped because of discrepancies in data between a draft of this project and a special GMAIC study using data not available for use in the project.

12. As a result of a meeting with Col. Krause, Chief of the Target Material Division at SAC headquarters, and Major Wright and Major Nash of the SAC Detachment in D. C., it was decided that an employee of SAC would be detailed to GL/S. The individual chosen has Russian, Polish, Czech, and German language capability, and has been in intelligence for eighteen years; his experience includes agent handling in the 7000th in Germany. Arrangements were also completed for [REDACTED] GL/S, to spend his two-weeks' Air Force active duty at SAC under Col. Krause.

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13. [REDACTED] will remain [REDACTED] during December. Over-all restrictions on travel [REDACTED] will be likely to affect planned itineraries of [REDACTED] The Department of State has been asked [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has resigned from his position as [REDACTED] and has entered on duty with the Geography Division.

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14. Plans and final details for the publication of the Acquisitions List for Antarctic Cartographic Materials are nearing completion by the Map Library Division. The first list is tentatively scheduled for January 1961.

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C. Significant Outside Contacts and Activities

1. In accordance with an OCB instruction to the Working Group on Antarctica, a series of meetings have begun in order to develop U. S. guidelines for the future preparation of operations plans; [REDACTED] attended these meetings during [REDACTED] absence. Other contacts of interest concerning Antarctica were as follows: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Program, NSF, requested a detailed analysis and assessment of the implications of a hostile Soviet article on Antarctica. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was briefed at the Department of State prior to his departure as the [REDACTED] during the coming season.

2. [REDACTED] representatives confirmed to [REDACTED] OG/E, that NSA now accepts the grid plotting suggestions and uses set forth in our GRA-SC-60-1. OG/E has prepared a memorandum reviewing the project to date and summarizing the latest discussions.

3. [REDACTED] OG/S, participated in the first meeting of the implementation committee on the [REDACTED]

4. At the request of [REDACTED] DD/P -- and after consultations among [REDACTED] -- a memorandum was prepared for use in briefing the DCI on the situation regarding the handling of maps of Cuba during the past year.

5. At the November meeting of the Arctic Area Discussion Group, Miss [REDACTED] presented a briefing on economic development in the Soviet Arctic.

6. The Africa Roundtable met 18 November to discuss sources of information and finished intelligence production on Bloc activities in Africa.

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7. [REDACTED] OG/F, conferred with [REDACTED] OCL, concerning plans for resumption of meetings of the Southeast Asia Discussion Group, of which the latter is Chairman. [REDACTED] will call a meeting in December at which, because of the pressure of other duties, he will surrender the chairmanship. He seemed to view favorably the idea of having the chairmanship permanently vested in OG/F and probably will make such a proposal. 25X1A9a

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8. [REDACTED] is presently [REDACTED] where he is conducting negotiations [REDACTED] regarding the revision of 1:250,000 map sheets. 25X1A5a1

9. The following meetings were conducted by the Special Collection Support Branch, D/GL, during the month:

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a. [REDACTED] debriefed a [REDACTED] source who travelled to Poland on an official mission and visited several [REDACTED]. The source was able to provide some information regarding the use of topographic maps in Poland for agricultural purposes.

b. Mr. Emanuel, ACIC Washington representative, was briefed on the Branch project. He promised to obtain an ACIC evaluation (substantive intelligence) of the 1:25,000 sheets of East Germany that have been collected in the past few years. He will also arrange for a priority listing of specific targets in China, for use in a supplement to the China Collection Guide. Targets furnished by AFCIN previously were limited to specific theater targets for a particular weapons system, and were not deemed appropriate for our purposes.

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c. Numerous contacts were made with DD/P during the month. These included [REDACTED]. All of these discussions were related to specific operations and operation support activities.

10. The retention of Item 1 F. (relating to geodetic and target locational data) as a first priority category item in the Priority National Intelligence Objectives was defended by Ch/G and [REDACTED] before a meeting of the Board of Estimates, CME. 25X1A9a

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11. Ch/G participated in the Clandestine Services Review Course presenting not only the Geographic Area activities but the [REDACTED] programs as well.

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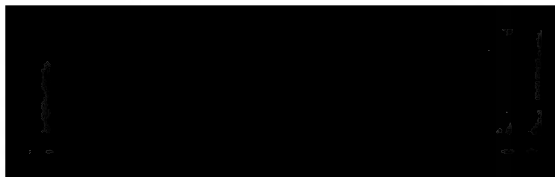
12. [REDACTED] was briefed on source materials relating to an external research project he is undertaking for the Department of the Army.

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D. Miscellaneous

Several GSA personnel attended a seminar on the Development of Information Processing Systems presented by the Agency on 30 November at the Department of State Auditorium.



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